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COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID
CONTROL
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant hereby withdraws his Notice Of Appeal To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences (37 D.C. § 1.191), which was previously filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on December 7, 2004, and now submits this preliminary amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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